GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIAN TOURIST VISA POLICY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian tourist visa policy does not permit a foreign tourist upon his departure from India, to return to India for a period of 60 days; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (b): With a view to curb the misuse of the Tourist Visa, Government has issued instructions requiring a gap of at least two months between two visits in respect of foreign national holding Tourist Visas with multiple entry facility. If any foreign national needs to visit the country again within a period of two months of his last departure due to emergent situations like death or serious illness in the family, such foreign national should obtain special permission from the Indian Mission/Post concerned. In respect of foreign nationals seeking re-entry on account of neighbourhood tourism related travel, they may be permitted two or three entries, as the case may be, by the Indian Missions/ Posts or by the Immigration authorities in all the Immigration Check Posts subject to production of itinerary and supporting documentation like ticket bookings.